

Part I. Name of Country: Dominica

Part II. U.S. Embassy Information

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Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services Available to Visitors:

Country Profile: [Dominica](#)

Religions: Roman Catholic, Protestant, Rastafarian, Jehovah's Witness, among others

Part IV. Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in the Host Country:

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(Cremations performed in St. Lucia or Grenada, not in Dominica)

Lyndhurst Funeral Home:

Tel: (767) 449-1800/449-2100/ 275-7564 ©

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Address: Rock-a-way, Canefield, Roseau, Dominica

Cecilia Joseph, Office Secretary

Michael Coipel, Funeral Director

Syra Clarke, Accounts Clerk

Josephine Dublin-Prince, Manager

Tel: (767) 275-1800

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Gentle Rest Funeral Service

Ms. Josephine Henry Robinson,

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Tel: (767) 448-3439 / (767) 235-3439 ©

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Address: St. Joseph, Dominica

North Eastern Funeral Association Tel: (767) 235-7815/ (767) 285-5118

Anchea St. Amie, Asst. Manager

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Address: Wesley, Dominica

Part V: Profile of Services Available in the Host Country Regarding Preparation and Shipment of Remains:*a. Disposition of Remains (general)–*

General disposition of remains is by burial or cremation. Refrigeration capabilities are available on the island. The average cost for preparation and burial is USD\$3,000.00.

b. Specific facts relating to embalming, cremation, caskets, exportation, documentation requirements, preparation, shipment, and exhumation–

Modern embalming capabilities are available. Dominica does not have a specific time stated regarding when/how soon to bury.

On average, it takes at least two weeks for a body to be prepared and sent back to the United States. The process is often delayed by the requirement for an autopsy. In most instances an autopsy will be required if the person died while not under the care of a doctor. In many cases in Dominica, the next of kin can sign over responsibility for the body to the funeral home, which will identify the body and coordinate the autopsy and other arrangements.

c. As applicable, unique circumstances which may apply to post–

If death was caused by infectious disease, e.g. Ebola, SARS, or Covid-19, burial may be compulsory if ordered by the Ministry of Health.

Burial is only compulsory in cases of advanced decomposition if unsuitable for shipment.

d. Shipping of Remains–

Major U.S. airlines operate out of the region with frequent flights. Cost is dependent on body weight, airline selected, and the weight of the casket. The average cost for shipping human remains to the U.S. is between USD \$5,600 and \$7,000. American Airlines and JetBlue transport human remains only under special circumstances. Connection through Barbados or St. Lucia is necessary.

e. Local authorities responsible for licensing funeral directors and morticians-

Licensing is required through the Ministry of Health.

f. Local authorities responsible for making findings regarding the cause of death and for issuing local death certificates-

In cases of a post mortem, the Coroner is responsible for the certificate of death. For general death cases a doctor will issue a certificate of death stating the cause of death.

(1) Maximum period before burial of remains: Not specified for Dominica.

(2) Embalming: Modern, professional embalmers are available. Embalming is recommended as soon after death as possible.

(3) Cremation: There is one crematory located in Barbados and human remains are shipped to Barbados or St. Lucia as none exists in Dominica. The average cost for cremation, inclusive of shipment to Barbados or St. Lucia is U.S. \$8,000.00. The average cost of burial is U.S. \$2,600.00.

(4) Caskets and Containers: Meet the same standards as in the U.S. and the U.K. Multiple styles of caskets are readily available directly from the funeral homes at prices ranging from USD \$1,000 to \$4,000.

(5) Exportation of human remains: Service available via air transportation. Documentation in accordance with international regulations, i.e. death certificate, registration of death certificate, embalming certificate, transit permit, and non-communicable letter, are required.

(6) Exportation of human cremains/ashes: Cannot be sent via FedEx and can go through the local postal service. The estimated cost is USD \$150 – 200. The average cost to prepare and ship human ashes via air shipment is USD \$7,400.

(7) Costs – Charges are based on the exchange rate of April 30, 2016: US \$1.00 = \$2.70 EC.

(8) Exhumation and Shipment: Bodies may not be exhumed for a period under seven years after which an application must be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer for permission to exhume.

(9) Local customs regarding funerals, disposition of remains, mourning, memorial services: Funeral services are usually held before burial or cremation. In few instances, cremation has taken place before the service